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Letter dated 2 April 2014 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council

Pursuant to paragraph 18 of Security Council resolution 2100 (2013), I have the honour to transmit a note verbale dated 24 March 2014 from the Permanent Mission of France to the United Nations, forwarding the third report on the actions taken by the French forces in support of the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali (MINUSMA) since 1 January 2014 (see annex).

I would be grateful if you could bring the present report and its annex to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(Signed) **BAN Ki-moon**



Annex

[Original: French]

The Permanent Mission of France to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Office of the Secretary-General and has the honour to transmit the following information.

Pursuant to paragraph 18 of Security Council resolution 2100 (2013), please find attached the report of France on actions taken since 1 January 2014 by French forces in support of the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali (MINUSMA).

Enclosure**Third report on operational support provided by Operation Serval for the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali**

Pursuant to paragraph 18 of United Nations Security Council resolution 2100 (2013), please find below the report of France on actions taken since 1 January 2014 by French forces in support of the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali (MINUSMA). This report is the third of its kind since MINUSMA was established.

Since 1 January 2014, there has been one intervention by Operation Serval in response to an "imminent and serious threat" against MINUSMA.

On 11 January 2014, while on patrol to the northeast of Aguelhok, south of Tessalit, a detachment of the Chadian battalion of MINUSMA was engaged by armed terrorist groups, leaving three Chadian soldiers wounded. At the request of MINUSMA headquarters and in order to support the Chadian battalion, Operation Serval took the following actions:

- Diverted a French intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance unit to the engagement area to gather information needed to support the medical evacuation operation
- Issued the medical evacuation alert and put the French CASA "Nurse" aircraft on standby in Gao
- Evacuated the three wounded Chadian soldiers from Aguelhok to Kidal in a French medical evacuation helicopter
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Operation Serval also provided support for medical evacuations, including evacuations carried out independently by MINUSMA (involvement of Operation Serval forward medical teams). For example, on 16 March 2014, a vehicle from the Chadian battalion struck an improvised explosive device 60 km from Tessalit. In all, three Chadian soldiers were slightly injured. The wounded were evacuated to Tessalit by the Chadian battalion. In Tessalit, they were assessed by Operation Serval's forward medical team. The Operation Serval CASA "Nurse" aircraft was put on standby but, in the end, the wounded were evacuated to Gao by MINUSMA.